

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.3 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending November 7, 1999**. Cotton and soybean harvests are approaching completion in most parts of the state. Soil moisture was rated 12 percent very short, 34 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 5 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1998	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Cotton	Harvested	99	97	99	93	--	--	--	--	--
Soybeans	Harvested	97	94	98	88	--	--	--	--	--
Wheat	Planted	86	71	86	78	1	3	32	58	6
	Emerged	61	39	50	58					
Sweetpotatoes	Harvested	96	93	94	92	--	--	--	--	--
Cattle						1	10	38	46	5
Pasture						9	27	38	24	2

County Agent Comments

“The main row crop activities are liming and land preparation for next year. Winter forages are finally growing. Some cattlemen are already grazing ryegrass.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“The county received some much-needed rain. Ryegrass planting is about to end. Grazing will start very soon with a few producers already grazing.”

— Lance Newman, Marion County

“A slow, steady rain was welcomed the first part of the week. Freezing temperatures north of Interstate 10 resulted in damage to many flowering plants and citrus trees.”

— Chance McDavid, Harrison County

“Most farmers are pleased with the yields of their irrigated crops. Yields for mid to late maturing crops that were not irrigated are poor to very poor. Due to these factors, several farmers are evaluating the possibilities of putting more land under irrigation for next year.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“Low cottonseed prices are hurting the cotton producers. However, cattlemen like the cheap feed to help get their already lean cattle through the winter. Discounts on cotton grades this year have been yet another thorn in the side of cotton producers.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Several inches of rain fell in the county Sunday and Monday. We need more rain before too long to keep our wheat growing.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower County

“The rain last weekend was very welcome and really greened up pastures. Producers are finishing ryegrass planting, now that they have some moisture. Some are still trying to get in late hay.”

— Richard Hay, Amite County

Weather Summary from November 1, 1999 to November 7, 1999 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch SoilTemperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale						0.72	-0.30	1	0.82				
Cleveland	78	36	56			2.80		2	2.87				
Tunica	76	39	58	56	+2	1.33	+0.32	1	1.46	65	47	53	
Extreme/Average	78	36	57	57	0	1.62	+0.57	1	1.72	65	47	53	
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	80	25	56	54	+2	0.23	-0.88	1	0.30	68	52	60	
Memphis	81	32	58	56	+2	0.99	+0.01	2	1.17				
Oxford	79	27	56	55	+1	0.95	-0.17	2	1.06				
Extreme/Average	81	25	57	56	+1	0.72	-0.34	2	0.84	68	52	60	
3. Northeast													
Booneville	78	31	55	55	0	2.82	+1.76	2	2.94				
Corinth	80	28	53	55	-2	4.92	+3.86	1	5.11				
Iuka	80	25	52			4.60		1	4.65				
Pontotoc	77	30	56	56	0	0.90	-0.05	2	0.97	69	50	58	0.12
Tupelo	81	33	56	56	0	0.46	-0.49	2	0.51				
Verona						0.86		2	0.96		46		
Extreme/Average	81	25	54	56	-2	2.43	+1.40	2	2.52	69	46	58	0.12
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	85	31	57	59	-2	2.94	+1.90	2	3.09	78	58	67	
Greenwood	81	32	56	58	-2	0.58	-0.44	2	2.14				
Rolling Fork	78	31	55	58	-3	1.61	+0.62	2	1.75	74	54	65	0.12
Stoneville	80	38	59	58	+1	3.66	+2.57	2	3.76	71	49	60	
Yazoo City	75	34	56	60	-4	3.10	+2.09	1	3.32				
Extreme/Average	85	31	57	59	-2	2.38	+1.33	2	2.81	78	49	64	0.12
5. Central													
Carthage													
Jackson	77	30	55	59	-4	0.00	-0.95	0	3.04				
Winona	77	25	52	55	-3	0.60	-0.38	2	0.79				
Extreme/Average	77	25	54	58	-4	0.30	-0.68	1	1.92				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	80	35	56			0.93	+0.08	2	0.93	72	47	58	
Columbus						1.60	+0.66	2	1.95				
State University	76	30	55	58	-3	0.84	+0.01	2	0.88	73	51	66	0.14
Extreme/Average	80	30	55	57	-2	1.12	+0.20	2	1.25	73	47	62	0.14
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	77	34	56			1.25		2	1.51	73	50	62	
Natchez	78	29	55	62	-7	0.00	-1.02	0	0.33				
Oakley	71	30	53	59	-6	1.43	+0.47	1	1.55	70	50	61	
Vicksburg	75	36	57			0.59		1	0.63				
Extreme/Average	78	29	55	60	-5	0.82	-0.14	1	1.01	73	50	62	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	75	33	55	61	-6	1.45	+0.58	2	2.04				
McComb	76	33	56	60	-4	0.00	-0.90	0	0.59				
Extreme/Average	76	33	56	60	-4	0.73	-0.15	1	1.32				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont													
Hattiesburg	78	35	54	60	-6	0.01	-0.93	1	0.77				
Laurel	74	32	54	60	-6	0.00	-0.83	0	0.07				
Meridian	78	29	54	58	-4	0.02	-0.84	1	0.09				
Newton	80	28	54	58	-4	0.52	-0.35	2	0.53	62	38	49	0.09
Extreme/Average	80	28	54	59	-5	0.14	-0.73	1	0.37	62	38	49	0.09
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	80	33	57			0.40		1	7.66				
Biloxi AFB	81	43	60										
Gulfport	76	37	58	64	-6	0.03	-0.77	1	0.73				
Pascagoula AP	79	31	56			0.45		3	0.81				
Poplarville	78	33	58	62	-4	0.43	-0.43	1	1.87	72	56	65	0.18
Extreme/Average	81	31	57	63	-6	0.33	-0.48	2	2.77	72	56	65	0.18
State	85	25	55	59	-4	0.96	+0.01	1	1.54	73	38	59	0.12

DFN = Departure from Normal.